

YELLOWWOODS NEWS



Dear Yellowwoods Community

I attended a workshop on school discipline recently. There were representatives of many schools, both public and private schools, and there was opportunity to share some of the issues that teachers face around school discipline in their schools. The thought occurred to me while listening to all the case studies and stories shared by other headmasters that there is a myriad of new dangers that our children are exposed to on virtually a daily basis. As a parent I momentarily thought that I want to wrap my children in cotton wool and put them in a glass case where they are never exposed to these temptations and dangers. But, alas, we have to send our children into the wide world where they have the opportunity to make their own mark. We cannot possibly stay up to date with what new drugs are available on the streets, what the new threats are on the internet or what the latest ungodly trends are in the world, but we can do everything in our power to give our children a solid grounding based on sound principles. It is ultimately the grounding that we provide that will guide in them in the face of the evils that may come across their path.

Yellowwoods School gives our children that solid grounding where they are encouraged to respect themselves, those around them and their world in general. The Christian principles on which this school is founded serve the purpose of guiding both their direction in life as well as their daily choices. There is an African saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." By extension one can say that it takes a community to raise a child. I appeal to parents, teachers and friends of our school to join us in this divine calling of raising children who are responsible individuals who will make a positive impact on their respective communities.

Yours sincerely

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NB Dates to REMEMBER

- **Tuesday 27th September** – Assembly and Athletics Quadrangular in Grahamstown.
- **Wednesday 28th September** – Hearing Screening tests at School. U/13 Cricket match vs Gill away.
- **Friday 30th September** – Grade 6 & 7 Bakerman, selling a Pie and Ice Cream for R25.00.

Yellowwoods Junior Primary Classes have been enjoying a full programme of Physifun. This provides the children with an opportunity to improve their core stability, proximal shoulder control, coordination and sensory processing: all these skills are needed for sitting at a desk and writing. Our Grade 1's really enjoy their Physifun activities.

- **Tuesday 4th October** – Grade R and Grade 1 Swop Day.
- **Wednesday 5th October** – U/11 and U/13 Cricket matches vs RPC in Alice. Junior Primary Little Chefs Day.
- **Friday 7th October** – Grade 4 & 6 Bakerman, selling Toasted Cheese Sandwiches and Juice for R25.00.

In The Classroom

It is already a busy time and while plenty of valuable learning travels through all the classrooms, there is a lot of fun to be had – not only rapping and singing for Grandparents' Day, but also getting those timestables right, keeping our balance in Physifun, making lovely sounds on musical instruments in the Kiddibeat Programme, writing fascinating stories and creating beautiful artworks.

The Grade 0's are talking about healthy veggies and the Grade R's, while remembering our Heritage Day are being introduced to South Africa. The Grade 1's can count to 50 and while looking at interesting Science topics, the children are reading and even comparing Cinderella and Cinderella! The Grade 2's and 3's are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Olympics, Money and sharing their facts and ideas about Soil, Seeds and Plants. The Grade 4's and 5's are looking at Food and Advertising in Afrikaans and preparing a parody 'All about my Gramps' for our Grans and Grandads. In Grade 6 and 7, our aces in Grade 7 are learning about the more complicated measurements in the world, a little bit of algebra in between - and identifying and analysing some fascinating and somewhat abstract and unusual advertisements.

In Grade 6, it's all about our weird and wonderful Solar System, designing interesting and colourful posters and learning to appreciate water-forever! Well done children! Keep up the amazing work and thank you to all those parents who consistently create a useful and extremely valuable learning environment at home.

Congratulations to the Grade 1-7 pupils for preparing, studying and completing some very challenging Conquesta English and Mathematics Olympiads. The results will be sent back to us in November.

Boarders Report

Our boarders are really giving their all in the daily prep sessions. While enjoying a bit of I-Pad and games' time after supper, they always find plenty of time to enjoy our endless and beautiful playground in the recent super, spring afternoons and have already had their first summer plunge in the pool!

SACCEE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHALLENGE 2016

Congratulations to the following pupils who excelled in the recent English Olympiad. In the Junior Primary, the top pupils are Emily Nel, Ucko, Romano, Mickail, Obakhe, Lelami, Liam, Lucka, Ayola and Lethu. Awards in the Senior Primary went to Hlonipha, Iya, Yantle, Sivu, (Silver) Kayleigh, Ndalo, Hlonela and Amyoli (Gold) and congratulations to our Double Gold winners, Sarah Webber and Khanyi Aliber. Well done!

